

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to an object handling method which consists ~~[[in]]~~ of determining the positions of the arm of a handling system with the aid of a location method which is based on a reference system predetermined by an associated location system. The inventive device for carrying out ~~[[said]]~~ the method is also disclosed.